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SUBJECT: AMB ROBERT ELLSWORTH'S INQUIRY RE INES FIGUEROA

1. I HAVE RECEIVED TELEGRAM FROM BOB ELLSWORTH OF LAZARD FRERES AND COMPANY, NEW YORK STATING THAT LAZARD SENIOR PARTNER MR. ANDRE MEYER, A U.S. CITIZEN, HAS A STRONG PERSONAL INTEREST IN CASE OF ONE INES FIGUEROA WHO HAS BEEN UNDER DETENTION BY THE AUTHORITIES IN SANTIAGO SINCE LAST NOVEMBER. TELEGRAM ASKS ME TO DO WHAT I CAN ON BEHALF OF MEYER AND ELLSWORTH, NOTING THAT MS. FIGUEROA IS THE SISTER OF MEYER'S DAUGHTER-IN-LAW AND STATING THAT BILL JORDAN SAID CHARGES AGAINST HER ARE "POLITICAL AGITATION AND EXTREMISM." JORDAN ALSO QUOTED AS SAYING HE BELIEVES FIGUEROA CASE WILL BE REVIEWED IN EARLY MARCH, AND THAT HE APPROVED DISPATCH OF ELLSWORTH'S CABLE TO ME. CABLE CONCLUDES THAT MEYER AND ELLSWORTH PREPARED TO DO ANYTHING NECESSARY TO FACILITATE MS. FIGUEROA LEAVING CHILE.

2. EMBASSY FILES SHOW THAT IN MID-DECEMBER ANSWERED A PREVIOUS QUERY FROM SERBAN VALLIMARESCU, A USIA OFFICER THEN ON DETAIL TO THE NSC. SOURCE OF INQUIRY STATED TO HAVE BEEN AMBASSADOR ELLSWORTH. EMBASSY OFFICER REACHED FIGUEROA'S ATTORNEY, LUIS ORTIZ QUIROGA, WHO EXPLAINED SHE DETAINED IN A WOMEN'S CORRECTIONAL INSTITUTION SINCE DECEMBER AND THAT NO FORMAL CHARGES YET BROUGHT AGAINST HER. THIS INFORMATION RELAYED BACK VIA VALLIMARESCU.

3. EMBASSY HAS ALSO RECEIVED A DEPARTMENT REQUEST FOR INFO
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ON MS. FIGUEROA AND OTHERS. THOUGH NAMES HAVE BEEN TRANSMITTED

TO FONMIN, NO RESPONSE SO FAR FORTHCOMING.

4. SINCE FIGUEROA'S ATTORNEY OUT OF TOWN, EMBOFF HAS JUST CHECKED WITH FIGUEROA'S FORMER HUSBAND, WHO STATES THAT SHE IS STILL BEING DETAINED WITHOUT FORMAL CHARGES, STILL HOPEFUL CHARGES WILL BE DROPPED, THOUGH THIS NOT CERTAIN. NO OTHER NEW DEVELOPMENT.

5. WE WILL OF COURSE CONTINUE TO MAKE INFORMAL INQUIRIES RE MS. FIGUEROA AND OTHERS IN WHOM U.S. CITIZENS ARE INTERESTED, AS AND WHEN WE APPROPRIATELY CAN. PLEASE INFORM AMBASSADOR ELLSWORTH OF ABOVE AND CONVEY MY REGARDS. POPPER

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